

HOUSE BILL 1596
By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to wheel mobility devices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section 68-11-256.

(a) Beginning January 1, 2004, all wheel mobility devices, modifications, and seating systems, prescribed by a physician, supplied in Tennessee, shall be seen by a rehabilitation technology supplier (RTS) as administered by National Registry of Rehab Technology Suppliers (NRRTS) or an assistive technology supplier (ATS) as administered by Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA).

(b) Beginning January 1, 2007, all prescribed wheel mobility devices, modifications, and seating systems, supplied in Tennessee, shall be seen by a certified assistive technology supplier (ATS) or a certified rehabilitation technology supplier (CRTS) as administered by NRRTS.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2004, durable medical equipment (DME) providers shall obtain a complete written evaluation and recommendation by a rehabilitation technology supplier (RTS) as administered by NRRTS, a physical therapist, or occupational therapist for recipients of designated prescribed wheel mobility devices.

(d) Beginning January 1, 2007, the physical therapist or occupational therapist evaluating and recommending prescribed wheel mobility devices in Tennessee shall meet the certification requirements of an assistive technology practitioner (ATP) as administered by RESNA.

(e) Beginning January 1, 2007, the rehabilitation technology supplier (RTS) evaluating and recommending prescribed wheel mobility devices in Tennessee shall meet the certification requirements of a certified rehabilitation technology supplier (CRTS) as administered by NRRTS or an assistive technology supplier (ATS) as administered by RESNA.

(f) The physical therapist or occupational therapist executing the evaluation in Tennessee may not be employed by the vendor or dealer of the wheel mobility device being evaluated.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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